

Lake Lowell Bird Watching Tour

This guide will take you on a 29.5 mile tour around Lake Lowell. The suggested stops provide excellent opportunities to view some of the over 250 species of birds that use Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge. The tour starts and ends at the east end of the Upper Dam.

Stop 1: Upper Dam

View Lake Lowell from the parking lot of the Upper Dam, or rest on the benches facing the beach.

Uncommon birds to look for:

- Pacific Loon
- Great Egret
- Bald Eagle
- Barrow's Goldeneye
- Red-breasted Merganser
- Bonaparte's Gull
- Sabine's Gull
- Black Tern

When you are ready to visit Stop 2, set your trip odometer to zero and turn right out of the parking lot. Proceed east on Iowa Avenue. At 0.3 miles, park in the parking area on the left.

Stop 2: Iowa Parking Lots

View the brushy areas and trees along both sides of the road.

When you are ready to visit Stop 3, continue driving southeast, then east, on Iowa Avenue. At 2.0 miles, turn right (south) onto Middleton Road. At 2.5 miles, turn right (west) onto Greenhurst Road. Travel west 1 mile to the Gotts Point gate.

Stop 3: Gotts Point

Gotts Point offers many excellent birding opportunities. You can walk east of the gate any time of year. *Public entry west of the gate is prohibited from October 1 through January 31.* During the rest of the year, you can also walk or

drive west 0.5 miles to the end of the road.

When you are ready to visit Stop 4, proceed east on Greenhurst Road. At mile 5.5, turn right (south) on Midland Blvd. At mile 6.5, the road turns left and becomes Locust Lane. At mile 6.8, turn right on Tio Lane.

Follow Tio Lane until it dead ends at the Schaffer's Access parking lot.

Stop 4: Tio Lane

To visit woodland and marsh habitats, walk down the road that heads east. The road that heads west follows the lake shore for 4 miles, eventually taking you back to Stop 3.

When you are ready to visit Stop 5, travel north on Tio Lane, and turn right on Burke Lane. At mile 8.9, turn right onto Idaho Highway 45. Travel south to mile 10.1 and turn right onto Lake Shore Drive.

Lake Shore Drive Parking Lots

Along Lake Shore Drive, you can stop in any of the eight refuge parking lots that border Lake Lowell. These parking lots are prime viewing areas for many species of shoreline birds and waterfowl. *Some of these parking lots are closed during some seasons.*

Uncommon birds to look for:

- White-faced ibis
- American golden plover
- Solitary sandpiper
- Dunlin
- Stilt sandpiper
- Short-billed dowitcher
- Black-and-white hooded warbler

Uncommon birds to look for:

- Blue Jay
- White-throated Sparrow
- Northern Saw-whet Owl

At the end of Lake Shore Drive, turn right (northeast) onto Riverside Road and onto the Lower Dam.

Stop 5: Lower Dam

Park on the lake side of the dam and view various species of birds.

When you are ready to visit Stop 6, cross the dam and turn right into the Lower Dam Recreation Area (0.3 miles beyond the end of the lower dam).

Uncommon birds to look for:

- Clark's Grebe
- Great Egret
- Cattle Egret
- Ross' Goose
- Merlin
- Gyrfalcon

Stop 6: Lower Dam Recreation Area

This is one of the best birding areas at the refuge. The trees and hedges at the east end of the park are particularly good spots to find birds. *This area is closed to public entry from October 1 to April 14.*

This is the last stop on the Lake Lowell Birding tour. To return to the Upper Dam and Stop 1, turn right out of the Lower Dam

Recreation Area and travel 0.5 miles to Orchard Avenue. Turn right on Orchard Avenue, and travel 3.6 miles to Lake Avenue. Turn right on Lake Avenue and travel 2.4 miles to return to the starting point.

Uncommon birds to look for:

- Northern Goshawk
- Lewis' Woodpecker
- Hermit Thrush
- Various species of Warblers
- American Redstart
- White-throated Sparrow
- Common Grackle

We hope you've enjoyed your birding at Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge. Come back to

tour again in a different season to increase your chances of seeing new and different species!

The refuge is open all year from dawn to dusk. The refuge Visitor Center is open weekdays from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

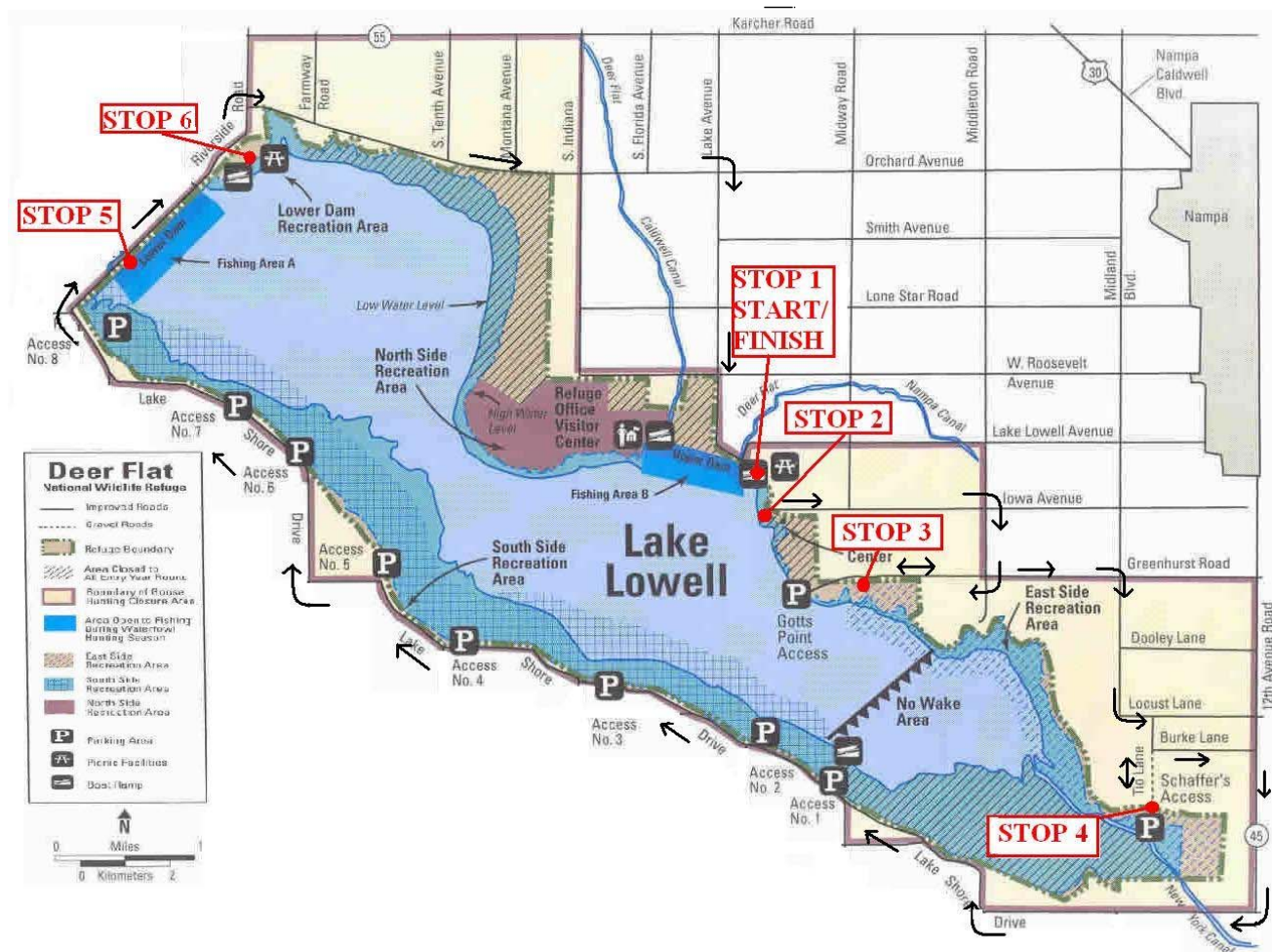
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Bird Watching Tour Map



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